

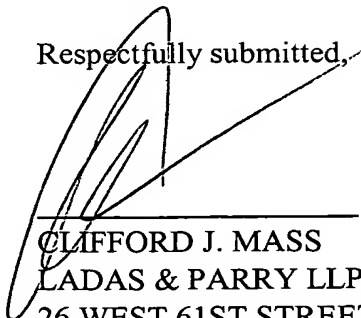
REMARKS

The Official Action of 24 October 2005 has been carefully considered and reconsideration of the application as amended is respectfully requested.

The indication that claims 4, 11, 13, 14, 19 and 22 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form, including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims, has been noted with appreciation. Claims 4 and 11 have now been so rewritten, with the limitations formerly in claim 4 being incorporated into independent claim 1, and the limitations formerly in claim 11 being incorporated into independent claim 9. All remaining claims have been made to depend, either directly or indirectly, from these independent claims whereby to place the claims into allowable form in accordance with the Examiner's comments. In addition, the dependency of claim 20 has been corrected whereby to remove the basis for the rejection under 35 USC 112, second paragraph appearing at paragraph 2 of the Official Action.

In view of the above, and since the cited art has not been applied against the subject matter now claimed, it is respectfully submitted that all rejections and objections have been overcome and that the application is now in allowable form. An early notice of allowance is earnestly solicited and is believed to be fully warranted.

Respectfully submitted,



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